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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Edward G. Newville, Special Assistant Attorney General, Office  
of the State Engineer

**FROM:** Robert F. Sanchez

**DATE:** April 11, 2006

**RE:** Adjudication of Water Rights Claims in Section 7 of Rio Chama  
Stream System; Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003A and Subfile  
Number CHRB-005-0003B

Enclosed for your review and approval is the form of the Consent  
Order on Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003A.

The form of the Consent Order conforms in all material respects to  
the one you last sent for my review and approval. I did, however,  
add language to the Consent Order recognizing that the priority date  
for the water rights appurtenant to the land and the quantity of  
surface water to which each water right is entitled - both elements  
of the water rights under Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003A - will be  
determined later, in accordance with the procedural order issued by  
Vickie L. Gabin on November 19, 2002.

I also added language to the original Consent Order that clarifies  
some textual ambiguities present in it. I suspect those sort of  
uncertainties in meaning are inevitable when one drafts a legal  
document that in substance will be used to address a large number  
of separate legal claims.

The form of the Consent Order for Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003B will  
be the same as the enclosed one. The contents of the other subfile  
will, of course, differ with respect to the names of the landowners  
(Joe R. Sanchez and Robert F. Sanchez) and the amount of the  
irrigated acreage (1.0 acres).

Please let me know whether the form of the Consent Order is  
acceptable to you, or whether you will require changes to it. After  
you and I have agreed on the form of the Consent Order for each  
Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003A and Subfile Number CHRB-005-0003B, I  
will have the particular landowners sign and date the individual  
orders and then forward them to your office for presentation to the  
presiding judge.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum.

RFS/ljp

**Exhibit A**

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Enclosure: as stated

xc: Joe R. Sanchez  
Emilia Duran